

**BANKER TRIES
SUICIDE GAME****Robin Creates Scene In
Criminal Court.****ABOUT TO ENTER HIS PLEA**

Suddenly Collapses From Effects of Hyosciamine Tablets Taken Before Leaving Home of Sister. Groans and Tells Physicians He Is Dying—Stomach Pump Affords Relief and Prisoner Is Rushed to Bellevue Hospital.

New York, Dec. 31.—When Joseph G. Robin, the kite-flying financier whose schemes have closed the Northern bank of New York and the Washington Savings bank, was about to face the first indictment of grand jury against him, he tried to kill himself. He took 12 1-112 grain pills of hyosciamine, a poisonous alkaloid, but he didn't succeed. He was taken to the prison ward of Bellevue hospital, where the doctors thought that he had more than an even chance for recovery.

Robin's attempt at suicide was the most sensational move that he has yet made within the past week since the state officials and the district attorney have been after him. He came to the criminal courts building to plead before Judge Crain, and while the judge and a crowd of spectators were waiting for the prisoner to appear, he collapsed in the detective bureau up stairs. It was generally conceded that Robin, in his present serious physical condition, would have died then and there were it not for the immediate medical aid he received.

There was not the slightest doubt of Robin's attempt to kill himself. As soon as he began to be affected by the drug he groaned and told Dr. Austin Flint, the alienist retained by Former District Attorney Jerome to defend Robin, that he was dying. He said goodby to his sister, Dr. Louise G. Robinovitch, and then a stomach pump was so employed that it brought about satisfactory results.

No one seemed to know for certain whether Robin had taken hyosciamine or hyoscin, but that did not make a great difference. Dr. Flint, who was present through the excitement, said that Robin told him that he had consumed the 12 tablets before he left his sister's house to come down to court. Robin muttered that his nurse left him alone in his bedroom for a few moments and that he opened the drawer of a table beside the bed, took the box of tablets and swallowed the contents. It required about three-quarters of an hour before they worked.

Hyoscin is a powerful stimulant which was supposed to have been used by Dr. Crippen in the killing of Belle Elmore. Dr. Robinovitch said that she kept the tablets for the purpose of antagonizing the depressing effects of morphine which had been administered to Robin when he suffered from kidney trouble. It was the opinion of the physicians around the criminal courts building that Robin hadn't taken a sufficient dose to kill himself, but they couldn't be sure until an analysis had been made. The board of health now has the contents of his stomach.

SOCIALISTS ARE RECOGNIZED**Manual of Boy Scouts Revised to Eliminate Objections.**

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—Four Socialists of national reputation will be elected to the national board of the Boy Scouts of America, according to a communication received by Local Scout Commissioner Martin from the national managing secretary. The criticism of the Socialists is said to have been responsible for this.

The manual and form of organization of the boy scouts is being entirely revised; and the forms and principles objected to eliminated. The communication from the national headquarters instructed Secretary Martin to confer with union labor leaders and Socialists in this city, and get their ideas and suggestions for the new manual to be put out in February.

The recent withdrawal of prominent members of the American Boy Scouts, and the movement for the consolidation of the remainder of that organization with the Boy Scouts of America, together with the decision of the national board to eliminate every feature objected to by Socialists and labor men, has greatly retarded the movement in this city.

Attack on Cortez Expected.
Puerto Cortez, Honduras, Dec. 31.—An attack upon Puerto Cortez by the revolutionary gunboat Hornet, which was reported several miles off this coast, is expected hourly. Several hundred government troops have arrived here from Tegucigalpa.

Breaks Endurance Record.
Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—Arch Hoxby established an American endurance record on Dominguez field when he remained in the air 3 hours and 17 minutes, beating the record of A. N. Welsh, made in St. Louis last October, by six minutes.

DROP IN, SAYS GOVERNOR**Harmon Wants to See Friends at
New Year Reception.**

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—Governor and Mrs. Judson Harmon will open their home in East Town street on New Year's day from 4 to 6 o'clock, and it is their wish that all their friends call during those hours.

The duties of the governor prohibit his attending any of the usual "at homes" of Mrs. Harmon, but on New Year's day he wishes to meet his friends and receive personally their good wishes for a happy new year.

Early in January Governor and Mrs. Harmon will remove to their new home in East Broad street, so this will be the last large social function in the present residence.

**TAX COMMISSION
LOCATES DODGERS****Ninety-Two Telephone Companies
Already In Toils.**

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—The state tax commission certified to the county auditors in which they are located the property of 92 small telephone companies that have not been making any reports heretofore, and have therefore been escaping taxation. They were dug up mainly through the efforts of Mr. Munn of the commission. Their property is small in most cases, running from as low as \$50 to \$18,000—the latter figure being that of the Wayne County Telephone company. The aggregate of them all is \$70,000.

The commission has also certified about 40 such other companies of whose existence they have secured evidence, but from which they have been unable to get reports. The commission has not time to investigate them further this year, but has requested the county auditors to place them on the duplicate if they can ascertain the amount of their property.

Another Bucketshop Raid.
Washington, Dec. 31.—Another bucketshop raid involving a big syndicate in the middle west and designated to enmesh another get-rich-quick millionaire, is booked for next Tuesday by Special Assistant Attorney General Belaski of the department of justice. Mr. Belaski has left Washington and will join other investigators of the department of justice at either Chicago or Pittsburgh. This raid is expected to be more sensational than any of the others pulled off thus far.

DISCREDITS MRS. STETSON**Dittmore Says Church Not Responsible
For Utterances.**

Boston, Dec. 31.—John V. Dittmore, secretary of the board of directors of the Christian Science church, declared that the statements of Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson of New York that there is dissatisfaction and disruption in the Christian Science church throughout the country, "are absolutely false."

This avowal of Mr. Dittmore followed the publication of Mrs. Stetson's expressed belief that Mrs. Eddy will rise from the tomb in Mount Auburn cemetery and take up her leadership of the church.

Mr. Dittmore said: "You can not hold the Christian Science church responsible for anything Mrs. Stetson says."

American Killed in Haiti.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Reports of a conflict between Haitian and Dominican troops at Camaderador and the killing of an American receiver of customs named Beall were received at the state department from Minister Burness at Haiti. The minister says the rumors of a serious conflict on the border are persistent.

Business Section Burned.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 31.—A large portion of the business section of Phillipsburg, Pa., was wiped out by fire with a loss of more than \$200,000. Among the concerns in the fire zone were the Bell Telephone company exchange and the Phillipsburg opera house.

WEATHER FORECAST

Ohio—Tomorrow: Snow or rain; winds becoming southeast and south, and increasing.

TODAY'S CALENDAR.

"Thirty" For 1910.
Sun rises 7:24 a. m.
Sun sets 4:42 p. m.

Governor's New Home

Where Harmons Will Live During
Second Administration.

**Chicago Honors Fire Chief Horan,
Killed in the Stockyards Fire**

Chicago, Dec. 31.—This city has seen few funerals more impressive than that of Fire Marshal James Horan, who was crushed to death under a falling wall while fighting the disastrous fire in the stockyards last week. Practically the entire fire department turned out to honor the dead chief, nearly all the city officials were in line, and the police department was also represented by many officers and men.

Mayor Busse rode in the funeral procession in the mourner's section for he and the dead fire fighter had been close personal friends. Chief of Police Steward and Assistant Chief Schuetzler led the platoons of police on foot, and Acting Fire Chief Marshall at Charles Seyferich marched at the head of the division of firemen. He had reached the stockyards a moment after the accident that made him acting head of the department.

The coffin, in a hearse, was attended by a guard of honor, consisting of fire department division heads, and was followed by a line of equipages extending for a mile and a half. Immediately following the purple draped hearse cart which bore the marshal's body was his automobile, the one in which he rode to the stockyards fire and to his death. The rear seat was occupied only by a fire marshal's lieutenant. Two horse wagons bore the principal floral pieces which had filled the Horan home. Thousands of persons lined the way over which the procession moved.

BUCKEYE BRIEFS**Found Dead in Bed.**

Lorain, O., Dec. 31.—Alexander Ecomopolous, found dead in bed at Avon, had more syllables in his cognomen than any other man in Ohio—seven. He was 44.

Murder, Not Suicide.

Ripley, O., Dec. 31.—That James McKee did not commit suicide is now assured. That he was murdered and his body thrown into a deep well to make it appear that he had ended his own life is now evident.

Weygant to Hear Case.

Newark, O., Dec. 31.—Judge Weygant of Wooster has been selected to preside at the trial of William McKinley, who is charged with first degree murder in the Etherington lynching case. McKinley's trial is set for Jan. 17.

Greek Shoots Greek.

Clyde, O., Dec. 31.—Peter Arvanitis, a Greek merchant, was shot through the neck and leg by Peter Mickalokas, an employee, one bullet passing through the neck, just missing jugular and windpipe. Mickalokas has not been captured.

Begins Fifth Sentence.

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—Under the name of John Scott, a man who has already served four terms in the penitentiary, was received at that institution to serve his fifth term. He was convicted in Clark county of grand larceny and sentenced to three years.

Couple Under Surveillance.

Portsmouth, O., Dec. 31.—No arrests have yet been made in connection with the murder of Platt brothers, tobacco growers, whose charred bodies were found in the ruins of their home at Rocky Fork by a Hillside farmer and wife are under surveillance.

Blows Off Own Head.

Warren, O., Dec. 31.—Robert Reitor, 45, a boiler-maker, committed suicide by blowing off his head with a shotgun. He began a note to "the people of the world," warning them against "trying to improve on the works of God." Then he pulled the trigger and blew off the top of his head.

Athenians Ask Probe.

Athens, O., Dec. 31.—Athens county grangers adopted a strong resolution asking that county authorities investigate the report that votes have been bought in Athens county. A thorough probe is requested, and if convictions are secured punishment to the full extent of the law is demanded.

Ice Packs Threaten Damage.

Qonnsaut, O., Dec. 31.—Continued

**BLOODHOUNDS
KILL QUARRY****Trail Unknown Man to
Abandoned Barn.****POUNCE UPON VICTIM**

Keeper Unable to Restrain Animals and Suspected Burglar Is Mangled Beyond Recognition by Feroocious Beasts—No One in Illinois Community Is Missing and Stranger Is Buried in Pottery Field—House Entered During Family's Absence.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Dec. 31.—Bloodhounds caught a man they were trailing from Carrier Mills and literally tore him to pieces. A residence in Carrier Mills had been burglarized during the absence of the family, and on their return they ordered the bloodhounds brought to the scene. The trail was taken up immediately, and so eager were the hounds to land their quarry they broke loose from the keeper and chased the man they were pursuing to an old barn. There he was pounced upon by the hounds and so terribly mangled that recognition was impossible.

As no one in the vicinity is missing, the man must have been a stranger. Every effort was made to identify the victim, who was buried in pottery field. Roberts, the owner of the dogs, was acquitted.

TWO KILLED IN FIRE**Explosion of Gas Stove Blamed For
St. Paul Disaster.**

St. Paul, Dec. 31.—Two dead, three dying and 19 others injured is the result of a fire in the Concord flats. The dead: Unidentified woman, aged about 35; Anna Erd, 25, employed at Emporium department store. Fatally injured: Miss Erd, younger sister of Anna Erd, dying at St. Joseph's hospital; Mrs. Rose Moore, 45, burned, will die; Mrs. Anna Lichtenheld, fell on face jumping from building, will die.

The explosion of a gas stove is believed to have been the cause of the fire. A woman employed in an all night restaurant, passing the rear of the building, saw the flames bursting from the second story and screamed a warning. Occupants of the flats, awakened to their peril, began making their escape without stopping to dress, and neighbors rushed upon the scene from all directions.

**SAY VORYS PICKED
FOR TAFT MANAGER****Ohioan Has Numerous Con-
ferences at White House.**

Washington, Dec. 31.—Arthur I. Vorys left for Columbus after two days of conference with President Taft, Charles P. Taft and other close advisers of the president, and it is reported that he is to assume again the general direction of the president's political interests.

The story is to the effect that no move will be made for the present to select a new chairman of the Republican national committee, but that an unofficial organization will make its appearance this winter, with Mr. Vorys at its head, that will deal with all matters bearing on the renomination of President Taft. Mr. Vorys himself had nothing whatever to say about the conferences, but his close friends do not credit the report that he is to assume charge of a new Taft organization. They say that Mr. Vorys will undoubtedly continue as one of the president's closest advisers and that the president's interests will be well looked after by his friends in the various states, but that there is no necessity for an organization and that none will be attempted.

SYSTEM WORKED WELL**Adams County Voters Were Appor-
tioned Among Workers.**

West Union, O., Dec. 31.—That there was a systematic plan of vote-buying by both Republican and Democratic parties in Adams county is the conclusion drawn by Judge A. Z. Blair at the end of the second week's investigation made by his special grand jury. Of the many voters who have been before the judge to date every one asked has declared he was never approached by more than one or two precinct workers of either party, which would indicate that every worker had allotted voters to look after.

At the close of today's session of court, Judge Blair left for Portsmouth, where he will attend the opening of the Billy Sunday revival tomorrow night.

French Aviator Killed.

Paris, Dec. 31.—Lieutenant De Caumont of the Eighth dragoons was killed at Luc. He was making a flight in a monoplane when his machine capsize and fell to the ground with much violence.

BUNCHED PARAGRAPHS

Jackrabbits are so numerous in northern New York that fruitgrowers are planning a war of extermination. Sam Langford and Bill Lang are matched to fight for \$17,500 at London on Feb. 6.

Former State Senator Clarence Lexow, chairman of the famous "Lexow committee," died suddenly at his home in New York city.

Rev. S. K. King, Columbus, O., known as the "marring parson," has united 3,286 couples in the bonds of matrimony.

**SENATOR DEAN MAY
BLOCK CAUCUS CALL****Favors Wednesday Instead of
Friday as Date.**

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—Senator Thomas Dean of Fremont, chairman of the state Democratic caucus, on who, by precedent, it falls to join with Chairman Billingslea of the house caucus to call the joint caucus for the purpose of nominating a United States senator, came to the front prominently in the senatorial situation when he made an announcement which means that he may refuse to call the caucus as requested by Congressmen Cox and Whitacre, managers for Mr. Hanley and Mr. Pomerehne.

The congressmen asked for a call for a caucus for next Friday; Senator Dean wants it held next Wednesday. He resents interference by the campaign managers of the candidates, and thinks the caucus question is one to be settled by the legislators, instead of by the candidates.

"I will ask Mr. Billingslea to join me in a call for a caucus for Wednesday, the fourth," he said. "I don't see the necessity of waiting until Friday."

REBEL BANDS DISPERSED**Believed Rebellion Against Diaz Is
On Its Last Legs.**

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 31.—The most optimistic view yet taken of the trouble in Mexico is that expressed in dispatches from Chihuahua and by travelers from there. The insurgents' main body appears to have disappeared, and they are found only in small bands. The fact that the federals have secured control of the railroad out of Chihuahua and are now enabled to make repairs is looked upon as a confession of weakness on the part of the rebels, and is taken as an indication that they see their own failure and are about to quit.

Banker Sued by Woman.

Fremont, O., Dec. 31.—John H. Magee, a wealthy Elmore banker, prominent throughout northern Ohio, was made defendant in a suit for \$100,000 instituted by Christina Paul, for many years a member of Magee's household, for promise of marriage, ill treatment and other allegations.

Bath Tub Trust Wants Clemency.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Indicted members of the bath tub trust are seeking to escape jail sentences by pleading for clemency at the department of justice. A conference was held at the department over the matter.

Dec. 31 In American History.

1775.—Unsuccessful American attack on Quebec; General Richard Montgomerie, the Irish-American patriot, killed.

1801.—Peter John de Smet, explorer of Oregon and missionary to the Indians, born; died 1872.

1802.—The celebrated Federal ironclad Monitor, conqueror of the ram Merrimack, went down at midnight in a storm off Cape Hatteras.

1894.—Susan Fenimore Cooper, second daughter of James Fenimore Cooper and herself an author of note, died.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.) Sun sets 4:39, rises 7:21; moon sets 4:52 p. m.; planet Mercury apparently stationary; 2 a. m., planet Mars at descending node, crossing sun's path downward; 4:41 a. m., moon in conjunction with Venus, passing from west to east of the planet.

Senator Thomas Dean**Objects to Caucus Date Picked by
Candidates.****COX INDORSED
BY DEMOCRATS****Dayton Congressman Picked
For Big Committee.****FOUR REFUSE TO VOTE**

Champ Clark of Missouri Declared Choice of Ohio Delegation For Speaker of Lower House at Caucus Held in Columbus—Did Not Interfere in Buckeye Senatorial Contest. Also Decline to Declare Themselves on the Tariff Issue.

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—Congressman James M. Cox of the Third district was selected for member of the powerful ways and means committee of the lower house of congress; Congressman Champ Clark of Missouri was unanimously indorsed for speaker of the same body; a declaration was made favoring a committee on committees to select the standing committees of the house, and the selection of a tariff policy was deferred until the national caucus in Washington next month, at the caucus of Ohio congressmen-elect in the Southern hotel.

Congressman Cox, campaign manager of Edward W. Hanley, who was nominated for ways and means committee by Congressmen-elect Whitacre, who is conducting Atlee Pomerehne's senatorial candidacy, obtained 12 votes. Congressmen Ashbrook, Denver, Sherwood and Bulkeley refused to vote and announced they would not be bound by the caucus. Cox is assured of a position on the committee, however.

The congressmen were careful not to interfere in the senatorial situation during the caucus, and all who participated declared the selection of Congressman Cox for the ways and means committee had no bearing on the senatorial fight.

An effort was made by Congressman Ansherry to smoke out four congressmen who, in a poll by a metropolitan paper, had been classified as protection Democrats, when he offered a motion to indorse the tariff plank of the 1908 national Democratic platform, which declared for a tariff for revenue only. Ansherry's motion also sought to place wood pulp and logs on the free list.

Congressman Deuver declared that it was folly for Ohio congressmen to bind themselves on this question in advance of the national caucus of Democratic congressmen, and the Ansherry motion was laid on the table by a vote of 10 to 6.

BANQUET IS DUAL AFFAIR**Democrats to Celebrate Ohio Victory
on Jackson Day.**

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—The Franklin County Democratic club is making a dual celebration of Jackson day this year, and its banquet, to be given in Memorial hall on the night of Jan. 7, is not only to be in honor of General Jackson's victory at New Orleans, but is to be a statewide celebration of the reinauguration of Governor Harmon and the inauguration of state officials.

Governor Harmon is to be an honor guest and will make an address. The banquet orators include Martin W. Littleton of New York, who gained fame by his defense of Harry Thaw; J. Hamilton Lewis of Chicago, and Theodore Bell of California. Invitations are not necessary, and the purchase of a ticket is all that is required.

ELEVEN WALK THE PLANK**State Health Board Inaugurates
Economy Platform.**

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—By dropping 11 employees from the payroll, the state board of health has diminished the annual expenses of its department by \$5,884. R. W. Pratt, chief engineer; L. H. Van Buskirk, assistant engineer; Miss Blanche Sullivan, John Curran, engineer; Clarence Scholz, laboratory; Miss Margaret Huffman, Miss Alice Cohen, B. R. Rickards, chief of laboratorics; H. M. Platter, medical inspector; Arthur H. Flower, assistant engineer, were served with notice by Secretary Dr. Probst and will end their connection with the department on Jan. 1.

ROB BANK WITH EASE**Burglars Have No Trouble With
Combination to Safe.**

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 31.—The State bank of New Palestine, at New Palestine, a small town in Hancock county, 14 miles southeast of Indianapolis, was broken into and its safe robbed of \$6,415 in cash. The door of the bank was opened with a skeleton key and the robbers seemed to have no trouble in working the combination of the safe. When the officers arrived they found the door open and papers scattered over the floor. Not a penny of the bank's deposits was left.

Male Found Guilty.

Marionetta, O., Dec. 31.—John Male, who had his second trial, charged with intent to kill Elmer Hull, was found guilty. The jury in the first trial disagreed.